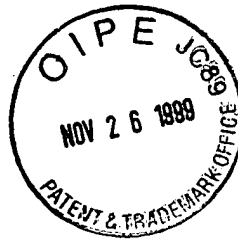


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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56, Applicant brings the art documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified application.

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